

III. REMARKS

1. Claims 1-21 remain in the application. Claims 1 and 3 have been amended.

The amendments to the claims are not limiting, are not made for reasons related to patentability, and do not raise issues of estoppel.

2. Claims 1 and 3 have been amended to overcome the minor wording error and the antecedent error, respectively. It is therefore submitted that they are no longer objectionable.

3. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 and 2 are not anticipated by Fujiwara (US 6,301,710, "Fujiwara") under 35 USC 102(e).

Claim 1 recites "...embodied on a computer readable medium...". The Examiner has cited column 1, lines 20-23, as disclosing this feature. However, it is respectfully submitted that there is absolutely no disclosure of a computer readable medium there or anywhere in Fujiwara.

Claim 1 recites "...a system manager; and at least one platform controller coupled to the system manager...". The Examiner has cited column 1, lines 29-31, for this feature. While programs are disclosed which control computer systems, there is no disclosure of a system manager or a platform controller.

Claim 1 further recites "...the system manager configured to: collect attribute data including copyright data pertaining to software from each platform controller...". The Examiner has cited Figure 4 and column 6, lines 15-16 and 22-24, for this feature. It is respectfully submitted that the claimed feature is not disclosed since "possess" is not the same as "collect".

Claim 1 also recites "...recognize the copyright data in the attribute data...". The Examiner cites Figure 4, column 6, lines 28-31, and column 10, lines 3-6. While copyright notice is mentioned, there is no recognition of such notice disclosed.

Claim 1 further recites "...process the copyright data into a list of copyright data for the system...". The Examiner again cites column 10, lines 3-6. However, there is no disclosure of the claimed list therein.

Claim 1 also recites "...a user interface connected to the system manager for displaying the collected attribute data in the list to a user." The Examiner has cited Figure 3; and column 6, lines 51-53. However, all that is disclosed therein is that details of the individual software programs included in client registries 355 can be viewed and accessed. This is not the same as the "list" of "copyright data" that is collected recognized and processed as claimed by Applicant.

At least for these reasons, Applicants submit that Fujiwara does not anticipate independent claim 1 and dependent claim 2.

4. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 3-7, 9-13, 15-19 and 21 are patentable over the combination of Fujiwara and Teare et al. (US 6,151,624, "Teare") under 35 USC 103(a).

The combination of Fujiwara and Teare fails to disclose or suggest the recited "collecting" step of claims 3 and 12. While Teare does disclose "polling", this is not the same as "collecting". Further, since the objects of Fujiwara and Teare are so different, it is not obvious to combine them.

Claim 4 recites polling during power on. The Examiner cites Figure 7 and column 6, lines 1-3 of Teare for this feature. However, there is no such disclosure therein. Apparently, the Examiner is referring to column 5, lines 10-12. However, also there is no such disclosure therein. For this additional reason, claim 4 is patentable.

Therefore, the combination of Fujiwara and Teare fails to render claims 3-7, 9-13, 15-19 and 21 unpatentable.

5. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 8, 14 and 20 are patentable over the combination of Fujiwara, Teare and Saito et al. (US 2002/073035, "Saito") under 35 USC 103(a).

The combination of Fujiwara, Teare and Saito fails to disclose or suggest the above-discussed and claimed limitations.

Therefore, the combination of Fujiwara, Teare and Saito fails to render claims 8, 14 and 20 unpatentable.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully

requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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